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REMARKS

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1. Between 11 and 28 August 1953, the Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Spremberg still quartered KVP personnel. Close order drill in details of up to 150 men, firing with pistols and maintenance service on motor vehicles was observed in the billeting area. Details leaving the barracks installation numbered up to 150 men.

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2. Captain Winter (fnu) was the political officer of the unit quartered at the installation.¹

3. About 11 a.m., on 23 August, several T-34 tanks proceeded through Spremberg toward Weisswasser.

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4. about 150 men were discharged between 17 and 22 August 1953. On 4 September, 280 men newly arrived at the installation allegedly from Thuringia. These soldiers arrived without any equipment. On 10 September, six T-34/85 tanks arrived in Spremberg from Cottbus. the unit stationed at the installation was to be considerably reinforced. This assumption is supported by the fact that six new temporary buildings were erected in the southeastern portion of the installation. The buildings each of which has a quartering capacity of about 100 men, were built by an engineer detail of 38 men from Dresden. The EM at present stationed at the installation belonged to the 1932 and 1933 classes. Mostly field training and training with mortars of about 82-mm caliber was being conducted.²

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5. In early September, Major Wolf (fnu), the previous commanding officer of the KVP unit in Spremberg was replaced by Major Brandis (fnu).¹ The previous administrative officer was replaced by a lieutenant colonel whose name could not yet be determined. Officers assigned to the unit included:

Captain Ernst Wolfram, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion;

Captain Hans Hipko, commanding officer of the 2d Battalion;

Captain Siegfried Kanisch, commanding officer of the 3d Battalion;

Captain Ottinger (fnu), signal officer.

6. On 8 September, four companies left the barracks installation for a practice march in the Muskau area. The individual companies consisted of the commanding officer, 6 officers and 3 platoons with 35 men to each platoon.

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1. Comment. This information indicates that contrary to a previous report Captain Winter and Major Brandis have not been discharged.

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2. Comment. 250 men of the tank regiment in Spremberg had been discharged prior to 10 August. It appears that at least 400 men were discharged before 22 August. The 280 men who allegedly arrived from Thuringia were probably transferred to the tank regiment in Spremberg. 25X1

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